

WI-458  
End of Dispute  
Powellville  
Private

c. 1860-70

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-458

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic End of Dispute

other

### 2. Location

street and number 35589 Mt. Herman Road

not for publication

city, town Powellville

vicinity

county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hans E. Solum, Sr.

street and number 35589 Mt. Herman Road

telephone

city, town Powellville

state

MD

zip code

21852

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map, P.

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 739

folio 391

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

**Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	2	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	2	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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### 7. Description

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#### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The property known as End of Dispute is located at 35589 Mt. Herman Road in the village of Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-part stepped profile frame dwelling faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century around 1860-70, the two-story, three-part frame dwelling is supported on a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The three separate roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Standing behind the house off its southeast corner is a story-and-a-half frame tenant house that was relocated to this site.

The northeast (main) elevation is a three-part facade with a full two-story, one-room plan section serving as the main block, while a story-and-a-half center section extends northward with a single-story one-room plan wing. Attached to the back of the single-story wing is a shed roofed kitchen. The two-story main block is defined by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The southeast gable end is pierced by pairs of six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the edge of the roof is a boxed cornice with extended eaves and returns.

Attached to the northwest gable end of the main block is a story-and-a-half center section that is defined on its north side by a center door and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The half story above is not lighted by any windows on this side, however, two small single-pane windows pierce the gable end on either side of an interior end brick stove flue. The edges of the roof are finished with an extended eave with sloped soffits.

Extending from the northwest side of the center section is a single-story two-bay, one-room plan section that houses the dining room at present. A front door is flanked by a six-over-six sash window. The edges of the roof are finished like the center section with an extended eave and sloped soffits.

The interior is plainly finished with wide pine floors and third quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. Floor joists are exposed in the single-story section and have circular sawn kerf marks. A boxed stair is located in the center section and provides access to the second floor rooms in the center section and main block. The stair is entered through a board-and-batten door.

The story-and-a-half building that stands in the backyard is a late nineteenth-century frame tenant house defined by a four-bay front including two center doors and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a hip roofed turned post porch. The half story is lighted by small two-over-two sash windows. Rising through the center of the tenant house is a single flue brick stack.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
x1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
1900-1999	art	entertainment/	landscape architecture	religion	
2000-	commerce	recreation	law	science	
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history	
	community planning	exploration/	maritime history	transportation	
	conservation	settlement	military	other:	

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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#### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

##### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural/Industrial Transition 1815-1870

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization	Private Consultant
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street & number	P. O. Box 5
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city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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35589 Mt. Herman Road  
Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

739/391                      Alberta M. Brittingham, widow

to

8/2/1971                      Hans E. Solum, Sr.  
Ruth A. Solum

1 1/4 acre

630/297                      Herman E. Perdue  
Morton J. Owrutsky

to

5/31/1966                      Ira Brittingham  
Alberta M. Brittingham  
Parcel 3    1 1/4 acres

630/290                      Charles W. Coulbourne, et al.

to

5/31/1966                      Herman E. Perdue  
Morton Owrutsky  
Parcel 4,    1 1/4 acres

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Chain of title continued

JWTS 615/272

Lillie F. Rayne

to

2/3/1965

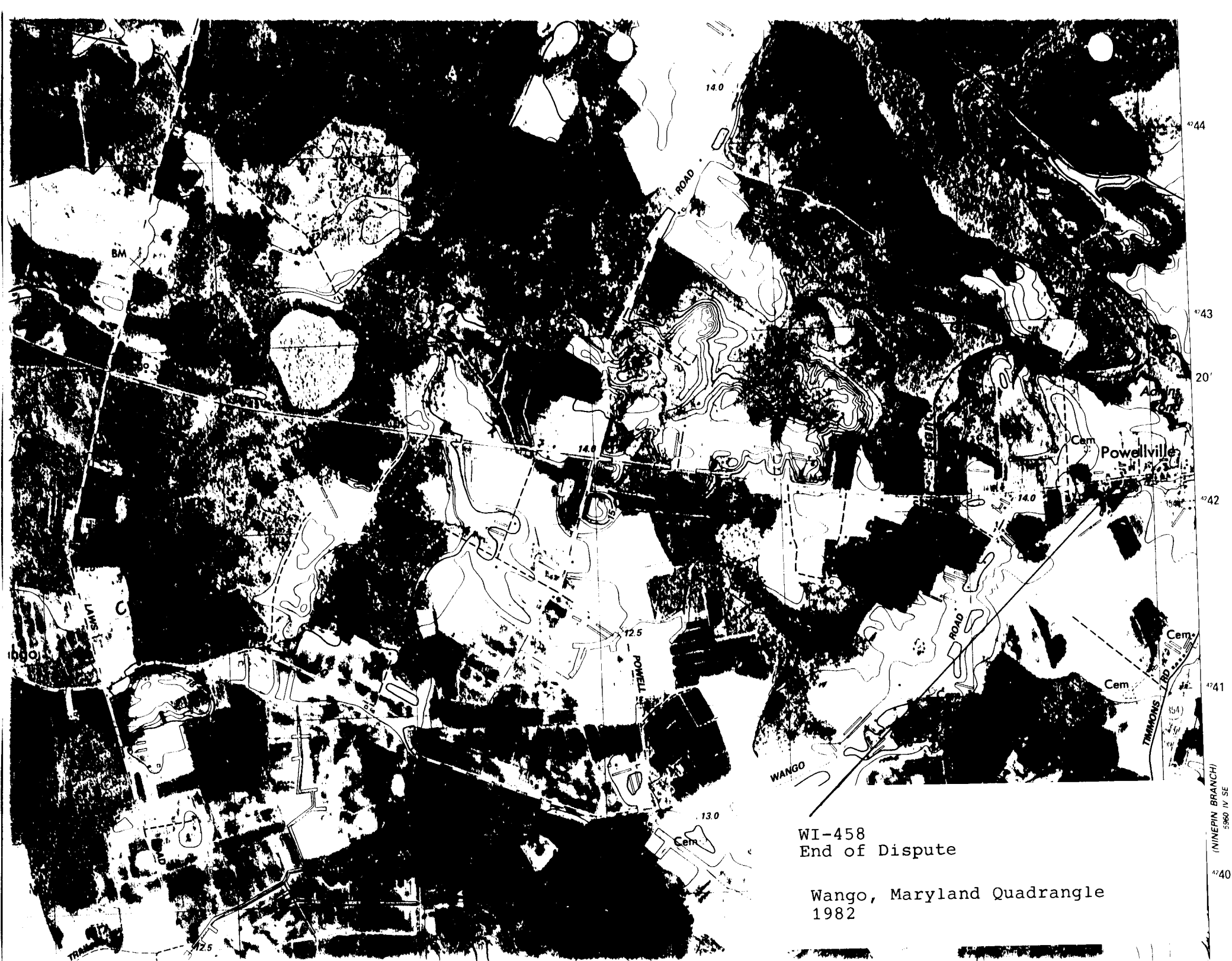
Charles W. Coulbourne

Alberta M. Brittingham

“End of Dispute” ...the said lot of ground was devised unto the said Hester Richardson for life and after her death unto her two daughters to wit: Bertha E., who is the wife of Levin T. Disharoon and Stella W. Richardson under the last will and testament of May Adkins

...it also being the same real estate which was conveyed Mary Adkins by William T. Lewis, 21 April 1882, SPT 6/141, and being the same property described in a deed from Hester Richardson, Bertha E. Disharoon, Levin T. Disharoon, Stella M. Richardson to Isaac W. Perdue, 7/1/1909, EAT 65/206, \$400 1 1/4 acres





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Wango, Maryland Quadrangle  
1982

(NINEPIN BRANCH)  
5960 IV SE  
4240



W1-453

End of 1999

Population, 1999-2000

1999-2000

10/1999

1999-2000

1999-2000



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END OF DISCUSS